

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

**PETITIONS**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD,  
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**SUMMARY**

1. The Council's constitution as amended provides that a maximum of three petitions are received at any meeting. These are taken in order of receipt. This report sets out the valid petition(s) submitted for presentation at the Council's Budget Meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011. Petitions to the Budget Meeting must relate to the Council's Budget or the setting of the Council Tax.
2. The deadline for receipt of petitions for this meeting is noon on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011. Any further valid petitions received by the deadline will be notified to Members before the meeting.
3. In each case the petitioners may address the meeting for no more than three minutes. Members may then question the petitioners for a further four minutes. Finally, the relevant Cabinet Member or Chair of Committee may respond to the petition for up to three minutes.
4. Any outstanding issues will be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will respond to those outstanding issues in writing within 28 days.
5. Members should confine their contributions to questions and answers and not make statements or attempt to debate.

**5.1 Petition from Mr. Terry McGreenera and others regarding the Council's budget strategy:-**

"We, the undersigned, are petitioning that the Council change its strategy to reduce the deficit imposed by the Government."